

How To Ace The Road Test: **EIGHT TIPS**

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Tip 1

Get to know the streets, speed limits and neighborhoods surrounding the specific Driver Licensing Center where you plan to take your road test.

Tip 2

Make sure that you arrive early for your next road test appointment. If you are late, it will count as a no-show and you have to reschedule your appointment and pay another fee.

Tip 3

Be prepared to provide proof of vehicle registration; proof of vehicle insurance; and proof of valid safety check. For minors, be prepared to provide your driver's education classroom and behind-the-wheel certificates.

Tip 4

Take the road test in the vehicle you are familiar with. You should know how to control your car with comfort and confidence.

Tip 5

Ensure the vehicle you are using is ready for the road test. For example:

- The passenger compartment, seat and floor space must be free of any obstructions.
- All turn signals and brake lamps should work properly.
- Brake and turn signal lamp lens should not be cracked or broken.
- Both front and rear license plates should be securely mounted.
- Vehicle's horn is audible and in good working condition.
- All lug nuts are in place and the tire tread depths are at least 2/32 of an inch.
- Vehicle is free of any obnoxious odors and/or parasites and insects.
- Vehicle instrument panel gauges and warning indicators do not indicate low fuel, excessive engine temperature, low oil pressure, charge battery, etc.
- Driver and passenger seat belts are clean and in good working condition.
- Door handles, windows, and door locks are in good working condition.
- Windshield is not cracked or chipped.

Tip 6

Get ready to be tested on your skills behind the wheel. Points are deducted every time you miss something or make a mistake. Some dangerous action, serious violation, refusing to follow instructions, accident will automatically cause you to fail the test.

Tip 7

Make sure you are using all of the knowledge and skills of safe driving.

- Keep your hands on the steering wheel, at the right places.
- Be attentive and watch the road ahead.
- Check your rearview and side mirrors.
- Do a "head check" to see if it is safe to proceed into an intersection, change lanes, merge or make a turn.
- Make sure you turn into the correct lane.
- Pay attention to all road markings.
- Make sure you stop behind the stop line and that you come to a complete stop.
- Obey all posted speed limit signs, traffic controls, and all driving regulations.

Tip 8

Come to the road test with the right attitude. Show that you have respect for the rules of the road, you are courteous to others, and that having a driver's license means that you are a responsible and law-abiding citizen. Understand pedestrian rules and how to properly navigate bike lanes.

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